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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking acceptance/regression testing of software via a communications network, the method comprising:

receiving data representing a function of the software to be tested;

storing the data representing the function of the software to be tested in an acceptance/regression testing database, the acceptance/regression testing database modifiable by a vendor of the software and by a client of the vendor;

receiving an identifier of a technician assigned to test the function; storing the identifier in the acceptance/regression testing tracking database; receiving an indication of a result of the technician's testing of the function; and storing the indication in the acceptance testing tracking database.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data representing a function of the software to be tested is received from a the vendor.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data representing a 3. function of the software to be tested is received from a the client of a the vendor.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically assigning a ticket number to the function to be tested.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the ticket number is a unique sequential number.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the ticket number is computergenerated.
  - 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving an indicator of a severity of a function to be tested; and

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storing the indicator of severity of the function in the database.

- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the communications network is (Original) an intranet.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein only members of an authorized group have access to the acceptance/regression tracking application.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the members of the authorized group comprise employees of a the client.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the employees of a client (Original) authorized to have access to the acceptance/regression tracking application are represented by a list of user identification codes.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the members of an authorized group comprise employees of a the vendor.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the employees if a vendor authorized to have access to the acceptance/regression tracking application are represented by a list of user identification codes.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the members of an authorized group comprise geographically diverse users.
- 15. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking acceptance/regression testing results, the system comprising:

a client computing device communicatively coupled to a communications network; Page 3 of 8

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a server computing device communicatively to a client computing device via the communications network; and

computer executable instructions stored on the server computing device for performing the following:

receiving data representing a function of the software to be tested;

storing the data representing the function of the software to be tested in an acceptance/regression testing database, the acceptance/regression testing database modifiable by a vendor of the software and a client of the vendor;

receiving an identifier of a technician assigned to test the function; storing the identifier in the acceptance/regression testing tracking database; receiving an indication of a result of the technician's testing of the function; and storing the indication in the acceptance testing tracking database.

- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the communications network is the Internet.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the communications network in an intranet.